

International Student Support

Applying for more time in the UK as a Student dependant

This guidance note provides information about how your family members who are already in the UK can apply to extend their visas as a Student dependant.

Please note, only certain family members can stay in the UK as your dependants - you must check the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) requirements to see if your family members are eligible to apply from within the UK.

For more information about whether your family members can make an application in the UK as your dependants, please consult the UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs) website.

For information about applying as a Student dependant outside the UK, please refer to the UKVI website: www.gov.uk/student-visa/family-members

Making the application

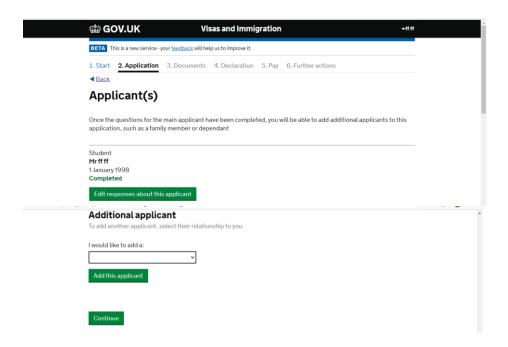
1. Adding your dependants to the Student visa online application: If you are making a Student visa application in the UK, you will use the Student visa online application, which you will find at: www.gov.uk/student-visa/extend-your-visa If you are including dependants with your application, you will add them to the same form, after you have completed your own sections of the application.

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- 2. <u>Completing the dependant sections on the Student online visa application form:</u> For information on how to complete the Student visa application online form, please consult our separate guidance note. You will be required to provide the following information for each dependant:
 - Personal information (name, date of birth))
 - Contact details: the form will ask you to confirm if you wish to use the same contact details as the student's
 - Relationship details
 - Passport details
 - Immigration status
 - Child dependants: confirming they do not live an independent life, and that both parents are lawfully present in the UK, school/college address if in education
 - BRP (If applicable)
 - National Insurance Number (if you have one)
 - Travel history (UK and worldwide)
 - Immigration history (previous visa refusals, immigration breaches)
 - Previous access to UK medical care
 - Public funds
 - Convictions and other penalties, criminal activities

3. <u>Documents required:</u>

You will be required to provide the following documents for each dependant you are including in your online application:

Document	To be provided by		
Current passport	All dependants		
Biometric Residence Permit (BRP)	All dependants in possession of a BRP		
Police Registration Certificate	All dependants with the requirement to register with the Police		
Personal bank statements (see below for further guidance on bank statements which can be used by dependents)	Applicants who use their personal funds to pay for their studies and living costs		
Official sponsorship letter	Applicants who have an official financial sponsor (eg, their government) who also provides funding for their family members		

Proof of address (e.g. utility/council	Dependants over the age of 16.
tax bill, bank statement)	
Proof of relationship (birth /	Dependants who have not provided this
marriage certificate)	evidence before in a previous application

Differential evidence requirement:

If you are a national of a country listed under section ST22.1 of the <u>Appendix Student</u>, you will not be required to provide evidence of your qualifications or finances when you submit your Student visa application. However, you must ensure that you meet all of the requirements when making your application as you may be requested to submit evidence at a later stage.

Meeting the maintenance requirement for dependants

Please note students who are making their Student visa application from the UK and who have been living in the UK for 12 months or more when they apply do not need to meet the financial requirement. This also applies to their dependants.

If the above does not apply to you, your dependants must show that they have at least £680 for each month their new visa will be granted for, up to a maximum of £6,120 (9 months). For example, if you have 2 dependants and you are applying for a visa for a 12-month course, you will have to show that you have £12,240 in savings for your dependants in addition to your own living costs and course fees.

The money can be held in either the dependant's bank account or in the lead applicant's (the student's) account. If you have an official financial sponsor (e.g. your government) who pays for all of the dependants' living costs, you will need to provide a letter confirming this. Make sure the official financial sponsorship letter includes your dependants' names and covers the full duration that the visa will be extended for.

You will need to provide either of the following documents to demonstrate that your dependant meets the maintenance requirement:

Your dependant's personal bank statements, or the lead applicant's (the student's) personal bank statements:

- Must cover a period of at least 28 days
- Must show that the required amount of money has been held in the bank account for at least 28 days continuously
- Must show a closing balance dated less than 31 days before the application is made
- Must show the dependant's name (or the lead applicant's name)
- If not in English, must be accompanied by a fully certified translation by a professional translator
- Full details on financial evidence is available at www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules-appendix-finance

Official financial sponsorship letter (e.g. from your Government):

- Must confirm that the official financial sponsor will cover the living costs for all family members
- Must include the dependants' names

Visa Application fee for dependants

Student dependant visa application fee (for applications made in the UK)				
Standard application	£475 application fee (plus £19.20 for biometric registration, if required)			
	+ immigration health surcharge			

The fee for your dependants' applications will be added to your application fee and you will be required to pay the total fee online once you have finished completing the Student visa application online.

In addition, dependants will be required to pay the "immigration health surcharge". The fee is calculated according to the length of visa you are applying for. The fee is £470 per year for each dependant, plus £235 per part year (up to 6 months). You can use the Immigration Surcharge Tool to check how much you will have to pay.

You will be directed to the payment page for the Immigration Health Surcharge before you pay for your visa application fee. Once the payment has been made, a reference number will be generated and printed on your visa application cover sheet. For full information about the immigration health surcharge, please check:

www.qov.uk/healthcare-immigration-application/overview

Once you have submitted the application online, you will be required to register yourself and your dependants on the <u>UK Visa and Citizenship Application Services</u> website in order to submit your documents and biometric details. You will either be asked to use an app to upload your documents, or to book an appointment at a visa application centre for you and your family members.

Please check the UKVCAS website for further information: www.ukvcas.co.uk/home-internal

Further information and guidance

<u>Check the UK Council for International Student Affairs' website (UKCISA)</u> for more detailed information about the eligibility criteria and requirement for dependants.

Visit the gov.uk website for full details of requirements for Student dependants: www.gov.uk/student-visa/family-members

Students making visa applications within the UK are advised to take advice from the International Student Support Service prior to submitting their application. The International Student Support Service offers a comprehensive service, including information sessions and an application checking service. Full details are available on our website at: www.ntu.ac.uk/internationalsupport

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